

SEEKONK COMMUNITY PRESERVATION COMMITTEE

Minutes April 19, 2010

Present: Ron Blum, Willit Mason, Tom Clancy, Richard Wallace, Susan Waddington

Absents: Michael Kreyssig, Jim Tusino, Dave Pinsonnault, John Alves

The meeting was called to order by Acting Chair, Ron Blum at 7:10

Minutes from the April 5 meeting were approved. It was agreed that since minutes are distributed electronically, members should read them and only need to print them out if they have items to correct, amend, etc. at the next meeting.

Election of chair. Only 5 members were present so this was deferred until May 3.

Report to the May Town Meeting. I checked with the Moderator and the Chair or whoever is making the report, just needs to speak to Mr. Devine before the May 24 meeting in order to be recognized. This item will be on our next meeting agenda to finalize what we want to include.

Meetings times. Those present felt that the first Monday of the month was still the best day for our committee. Possibly members have been confused by the mid-month meetings, but these have been actively promoted and are needed if we are to proceed with our functions. The Acting Chair asked me to send out a reminder of presently scheduled meeting dates in hopes that all will mark them on their calendars. We are leaving the meeting time at 7:00 for now, although there is some sentiment for beginning at 6:30.

Review criteria: Richard will have this done by the end of the month. See a related discussion a couple of items down. Getting a final version will be our major task at the next meeting, so it would be helpful for everyone to bring their copy with them so we don't waste meeting time doing extra copying.

Calendar: Jim Tusino was not present, but some of this was covered in the next item down.

Plan for a public hearing: A vigorous discussion produced the following plan: Richard will finish the criteria which he is putting into a format that will elicit information from applicants. We will also finish the application form. With this done we should be more or less ready to "go public". Once we have decided that everything is ready, we will go before the Board of Selectmen at one of their regularly scheduled meetings to bring them up to speed and allow for any questions. (Our materials will have been a part of the Packet for that meeting). This will probably not happen before the May Town meeting, but we can include whatever information we want in that report. Once members of the BOS have been informed, we will open our application period through local media, Channel 9, more meetings with local groups if that seems advisable and possibly have some workshops for people interested in learning more about the application process. If we get an OK from the Community Preservation Organization we will hold the hearing in mid-September (after our one year anniversary). Applications will be due by October 4 and we will present our selected projects to the community at our Fall Town Meeting.

Application form: We looked over several and I was given one to pull into shape.

Committee member issues: Willit did a background piece for Open Space to include in our formal Community Preservation Plan which will be a work in

progress. Hopefully, appropriate committee members will do the same for Community Housing, Historic and Recreation.

There were no members of the public present.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:35.

Susan R. Waddington
Clerk

Next meeting: May 3, 2010 Place: Planning Board Room